



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Chudoba et al. ) Attorney reference: 25048-15  
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Confirmation No. 2088

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

A Request for Continuing Examination and a Petition for Extension of time are filed herewith.

Prior to examination, please amend the claims as indicated in the Amendments to the Specification beginning at page two of this paper.

Remarks begin at page 11.

Two Appendices including translations of the priority documents and summary of the interview conducted at USPTO follow the Remarks.